was on run between Murarai and Chalra Stations of Eastern Railway, 5 coaches of the train derailed over bridge No. 201. Of the derailed coaches, 2 capsized and toppled down the bridge.

The Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle who conducted the statutory enquiry into this accident, has come to the conclusion that the accident was caused due to the snapping of safety bracket of a coach, its falling on the track and forming an obstruction in the passage of this train. The machinery to check the condi' tion of safety brackets has to be tightened. The Commissioner has also recommended renewal of unserviceable sleepers on this bridge.

Operation Black Board in Rajasthan

1126. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme of 0 tion Black board has been implem in the State of Rajasthan ?

(b) if so what is the number of schools in rural areas of rajasthan where the above programme has sinece been implemented; and

(c) whether the target announced has since been completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP MENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) As per available information, the State Government of Rajasthan has selected 47 blocks (Panchayat Samitis) in rural areas and 134 towns having the population of lesis than 25,000 and 20 percent wards of cities having more than 25,000 population for implementiation of the scheme of Operation Black Board during 1987-88. The total number of schools *m* these selected blocks will be 6575. These schools will be provided minimum essential facilities as envisaged in the scheme and the amount of Central assistance due will be released in terms of the scheme. It is proposed to cover other 30% CD Blocks/Municipal Areas in 1988-89 and 5. 0% in 1989-90.

STD Facilities in Rajasthan

1127. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA.: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to stale:

(a) the progress made for introducing STD facilities between various district headquarters of Rajasthan and the State ital and also with Delhi; and

(b) by when work regaiding provisions STD facilities-for all the districts of Rajasthan is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY QF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) 10 district headquarters have already been linked with the State Capital Jaipur and Delhi for STD facilities through Trunk Automatic Exchange Network.

(b) It has been planned to provide STD facilities to all the district headquarters of Rajasthan by the end of this Plan.

Number of Telephone Exchanges in Rajasthan

1128. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased

(a) the total number of telephone ex-changes working at present in the Slate of Rajasthan, district-wise;

(b) the proposal, if any, to set up more telephone exchanges in the State, alongwith the names of the places; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the new telephone exchanges in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) In Rajasthan, there are 27 district having 683 telephone exchanges as on 31-10-1987 The number of telephone exchanges district-wise is given in Statement-I *(See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir. 53 now telephone exchanges were planned to be set up during the year 1987-88 subject to availability of

material and other resources. The list of which is given in Statement-II *(See* below). Out of 53, 8 have already been set up.

(c) About Rs. 2 crores are earmarked for these exchanges.

Statement—I

Number of Telephone Exchanges District-wise in Rajasthan as on 31-10-1987.

SI. No	Name of the District	No. of Telephone Exchanges
1	2	3
1.	Ajmer	25
2.	Alwar	42
3.	Bans wars.	12
4.	Barmer	19
5.	Bharatpur	15
6.	Bhilwara.	20
7.	Bikaner.	13
8.	Bundi	8
9.	Chittorgarh	21
10.	Churu..	19
11.	Dholpur....	7
12.	Dungarpur	11
13.	Jaipur	67
14.	Jaisalmer	4
15.	Jalore.	29
16.	Jhalawar.	10
17.	Jhunjhunu	22
18.	Jodhpur.	31
19.	Kota	21
20.	Nagaur	37
21.	Pali	64
22.	Sikar	19
23.	Sirchi	21
24.	Sriganganagar.	44
25.	Sawaimadhopur.	24
26.	Tonk	16
27.	Udaipur.	62
	Total	683

Statement—II

Details of New Telephone Exchanges District-wise in Rajasthan Proposed in 1987-88

_N>	. Name ofthe District	Name of Telephone Exchange
1	2	3
1.	Ajmer	. Salemabad*
		Karkhedi
		Bhadoon
		Banderseendri
		Babaycha*
		Saradhana
		Ramsar*
		Phamoata
		Kandal
		Gagwana
2.	Alwar	. Kathumar*
		Tatarpur*
		Bibirani
		Garhisawairam
3.	Banswara	. Barodiya
		Ramsar
		Majal
		Kalyanpui*

1	2	3
4. Bhilwara. i		. Roopahali
5. Bikaner		Panchoo Jhajhu Garlala Girrajsar Pajju
8. Jaipur		. Khejroli
9. Jalore		. Bagodi Mengalwa
10. Jodhpur		. Basni
11. Kola..		Nokhachandawatan Dugstan Mithri Bosroli
13. Sikkar		. Koodan
		Nowi Babre* Dooli Kalan Basnid; 'bwaiyan Dooliauwa
15. Sriganganagar		. Sadusi Rajirsar RD-365
16. Udaipur		Bhanmir ' DewM Bmbora Roma G'lasa Kheroda Kum Udaipur

(Total Number 53)

*Cammissioned

Devdasi system in Maharashtra and Southern States

1129. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Statesman of the 19th October, 1987 wherein it has been slated that Devdasi system continues and figures keeping mounting in Maharashtra and some Southern States of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Goveinment propose to take to remove this evil from the society ?